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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft and the Justice Department have reached a settlement in the antitrust case. The reason I am contacting you is because I would like you to resolutely support this settlement.

DOJ officials and Microsoft reached this settlement after three years of costly litigation. Outside interests have been criticizing this settlement, some with the hope this case will resume. However this settlement is thorough and will bring positive change. There is no reason for further federal action. Among other changes the settlement will give computer makers the flexibility to place competing software on Microsoft operating systems. Microsoft is also going to release computer code to competitors so they can produce more competitive software.

Let's end this ridiculous exercise, led by fee hungry lawyers and Microsoft's competition. Microsoft is one of America's crown jewels,

let them move forward at what they do best; create software.

I respectfully plead with you to settle this case without delay.

Sincerely,

Harry McHugh

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